# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

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ADOPTION ISSUES
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**Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Union Government has recently made amendment in law to allow non-Hindu parents to claim full parenthood instead of just 'guardian' status that they were allowed till now which led to the children being denied rights to inherit property besides creating procedural hassles for parents at the time to school admission; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a)&(b) As per the Juvenile Justice [Care and Protection of Children] Amendment Act, 2006, there is no restriction in adoption on account of sex or religion of the child or prospective adoptive parents. Further, as per the Juvenile Justice [Care and Protection of Children] Amendment Act, 2006, adoption means the process through which a child is permanently separated from his biological parents and becomes the legitimate child of his adoptive parents with all the rights, privileges and responsibilities that are attached to the relationship.